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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING ITS POLICY TO DEVELOP RENTAL PROPERTIES FOR OCCUPANCY BY ITS BENEFICIARIES AND ENSURE THAT BENEFICIARIES MAINTAIN THEIR PLACEMENT ON THE WAITLIST FOR HOMESTEAD LEASES WHILE RESIDING IN A DEPARTMENT RENTAL.

1 WHEREAS, sixty-eight percent of low-income Native
2 Hawaiians, those making less than eighty percent of area median
3 income, experience housing problems, and seventy-five percent of
4 very low-income Native Hawaiians, those making less than fifty
5 percent of area median income, experience housing problems; and
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7 WHEREAS, as of September 11, 2012, there were 26,550
8 individual applicants on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands'
9 waitlist for homestead leases; and
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11 WHEREAS, many beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian
12 Home Lands must first establish credit before they are able to
13 qualify for a mortgage on a homestead lease; and
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15 WHEREAS, according to Auditor's Report No. 13-02, April
16 2013, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has a significant
17 amount of defaulted mortgage loans with a delinquency rate of
18 almost thirty-two percent at the end of fiscal year 2012; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has the
21 potential for higher returns from rental properties than it does
22 from heavily subsidized mortgages; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
27 Hawaiian Home Lands is urged to submit a report to the
28 Legislature regarding its policy to develop rental properties
29 for occupancy by its beneficiaries; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home
 2 Lands is urged to ensure that its beneficiaries will not lose
 3 their place on the homestead waitlist while residing in a
 4 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' rental; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 8 Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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